

Application No. 10/657,357  
Preliminary Amendment dated July 14, 2004

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in the current application. Claims 1, 2 and 9 have been amended. The amendments of claims 1 and 2 are sufficiently supported in the specification at paragraphs [0032]-[0034], [0037] and [0041], and in the drawings at FIGS. 6, 7, 12 and 13. The amendments of claim 9 are sufficiently supported in the specification [0032], [0039] and [0041], and in the drawings at paragraphs FIGS. 6, 8, and 11-13.

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in allowable form and request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this application.

In the event Applicants have overlooked the need for any extension of time or payment of fee, Applicants hereby petition therefor and authorize that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 02-0385, Baker & Daniels. Should the Examiner have any further questions regarding any of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned at 260-424-8000.

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